



Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee

COOK ISLANDS SPORTS AWARDS POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Cook Islands National Sports Awards were first established in 1995 and since then the Cook Islands have been able to award their outstanding men and women who have represented the Cook Islands either Nationally, Regionally or Internationally in sports.

Through the Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee, the National Sports Awards are coordinated and held annually. The achievement of those outstanding men and women are awarded as they become recognised as the champions of that particular year.

2. CONDITIONS

Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee invites all National Sports Federations, Island Associations and Communities to be part of the Cook Islands National Sports Awards, by nominating individuals or teams for any part of the fourteen categories.

The Cook Islands National Sports Awards are open to all Cook Islanders and those residents for a minimum of 2 years in the Cook Islands immediately prior to the Sports Awards are an added incentive for our Sportsman and Sportswoman to strive for excellence on and off the Field of Play.

- 2.1. Nominations will only be accepted on the Official Nomination Form in respect to performance and achievements during the period of 1st January to 31st December of the year that the National Sports Awards are for. (i.e.: 2017 National Sports Awards will be from the 1st January to 31st December 2017)
- 2.2. Coach of the Year, Technical Official of the Year and Administrator of the Year whilst recognising outstanding achievements in that particular year that the Sports Awards are held. Also appreciate that the results achieved may well be a culmination over an extended period of time, in these three categories supporting documentation will be acceptable for the period 1st January to 31st December of the year the National Sports Awards are held for.
- 2.3. For the IOC Award, outstanding achievements over a period of four years of the Olympic Cycle prior to the National Sports Awards should be recognised. This category is open to competitors, coaches, technical officials, administrators, sports medicine personnel and anyone who has contributed to the development and success of Olympic sports for the Cook Islands.
- 2.4. Executive Board members of the National Olympic Committee may be considered as nominees for the Award.
- 2.5. There are 4 Sections and 16 Categories in the National Sports Awards as listed below:
 - 2.5.1. Section A
 - 2.5.1.1. Sportsman of the Year
 - 2.5.1.2. Sportswoman of the Year
 - 2.5.1.3. Junior Sportsman of the Year
 - 2.5.1.4. Junior Sportswoman of the Year
 - 2.5.2. Section B
 - 2.5.2.1. Sports Team of the Year
 - 2.5.2.2. Sports Achievement of the Year
 - 2.5.2.3. Sports Fair Play Award
 - 2.5.2.4. IOC Sports Personality Award

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- 2.5.2.5. Women in Sports Trophy
- 2.5.3. Section C
 - 2.5.3.1. Sports Technical Official of the Year
 - 2.5.3.2. Sports Administrator of the Year
 - 2.5.3.3. Sports Coach of the Year
 - 2.5.3.4. Best Administrated Outer Islands Sports Association of the Year
 - 2.5.3.5. Best Outer Island Sports Achievement of the Year
- 2.5.4. Section D
 - 2.5.4.1. Manea Games Sportsman of the Year
 - 2.5.4.2. Manea Games Sportswoman of the Year
- 2.6. National Sports Federations and Islands Sports Association affiliated to Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee are eligible to submit nominations.
- 2.7. To protect the integrity of the awards and to guard against omissions, the Executive of Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee reserve the right to make nominations in the instances where the National Federation, Island Association and Community responsible does not submit a nomination.
- 2.8. All nominations must be completed on the approved Nomination form, with the consent of the nominee, exception to those overseas to provide a written documentation by fax, email or letter. No make do nomination forms will be accepted. Only in the instance whereby profiles are filed as attachments with the approved Nomination Form. If possible a coloured photograph of the nominated individual or team must accompany all nomination forms (electronically). We also ask if profiles can be sent electronically for media purposes.
- 2.9. In relation to the **Junior Sportsman and Junior Sportswoman of the Year**, nominees must be under the age of 18 years before the 31st December of that year the National Sports Awards is recognising.
- 2.10. Nominations for **Sports Team of the Year** will be accepted from Team Sports **ONLY**. *(i.e.: a team of individual athletes cannot combine their individual results as a team.)*
- 2.11. The National Sports Awards Committee and Judging Panel reserves the right to refuse the nomination of any individual or team that has been suspended, disqualified, banned or otherwise excluded by a Sporting Association, or where notification has be given from the National, Regional or International Sporting Federation where they are affiliated.
- 2.12. Completion of the nomination forms and them being handed in indicates full acceptance of the conditions which apply to conduct the National Sports Awards.
- 2.13. Nomination forms are to be allocated to each National Federation, Island Association and Communities one month prior to the scheduled date that the National Sports Awards are to be held, with notification of the Closing date of Nominations Forms.
- 2.14. Nominations for any category within the Cook Islands National Sports Awards will close as per the scheduled date as set by the Organising Committee.
- 2.15. Media notification of the Cook Islands National Sports Awards is to be announced once confirmations of the closing date for nominations, and the scheduled date for the National Sports Awards.
- 2.16. Composition of the Judging Panel, this will be done through CISNOC, and they will consist of representatives from the National Federations, Athletes Commission, previous award winners and a member of the media.
- 2.17. The decision of the Cook Islands National Sports Awards Judging Panel is final. There will be no avenue to appeal any nomination. Also there will be no correspondence or publication of the Award Winners prior to the National Sports Awards function.

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- 2.18. At no time throughout the selection of winners for the awards that the Judging Panel will announce that due to the fact an individual or team has won in another category, that they should not be award in another.
- 2.19. The following categories will be selected and recommendations put forward to the Judging Panel.
- 2.19.1. IOC Sports Personality Award (*recommendations from the CISNOC Executive Board*)
 - 2.19.2. Women in Sports Trophy (*recommendations from the WIS Commission*)
 - 2.19.3. Best Administrated Outer Island (*recommendations from the Sports Development Unit*)
 - 2.19.4. Best Outer Island Achievement (*recommendations from the Sports Development Unit*)

3. CRITERIA

3.1. Section A

The following points, guidelines and criteria are to enable the selection of the best nominated individuals who qualify under the Conditions & Guidelines for the Cook Islands National Sports Awards.

- 3.1.1. Sportsman & Sportswoman of the Year / Junior Sportsman & Sportswoman of the Year
- 3.1.2. Nomination for Sportsman or Sportswoman of the Year MUST comply with the Criteria & Guidelines approved by the Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee.
- 3.1.3. Those male and female individuals nominated MUST have achieved their performances within the year which the National Sports Awards are nominated as. (*i.e.: 2017 National Sports Awards, so therefore the individuals performances must have been achieved within that year, 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2017*)
- 3.1.4. Achievements of nominated individuals can either have been achieved Nationally, Regionally or Internationally. Merits achieved nationally should be recognised as equaling the Regional and International achievements. (*i.e.: medal winner regionally, like the PG, Oceania Champ, etc. should be merited equal to that of winning a medal nationally, like at the Cook Islands Games and National Championships.*)
- 3.1.5. Achievements by the individuals must bring recognition, promotion and improvement to the development of sports, not only throughout the Cook Islands, but also throughout the region.
- 3.1.6. Recognition will also be considered to the National Federation, Island Association or Community who has nominated the individual, in their development efforts in promoting sports on a whole throughout the Cook Islands.
- 3.1.7. Dedication and willingness of the individual to promote and develop a high standard of sports, within and throughout the Cook Islands.
- 3.1.8. In relation to the **Junior Sportsman and Junior Sportswoman of the Year**, nominees must be under the age of 18 years before the 31st December of that year the National Sports Awards is recognising.

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- 3.1.9. Junior Sportsman and Junior Sportswoman can only be entered in the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year provided that the nominee has a high ranking in International and/or Regional and/or National Championships of Senior Level.

3.2. Section B

The following points, guidelines and criteria are to enable the selection of the best nominated Teams, Sports Achievements and Fair Play who qualify under the Criteria & Guidelines for the Cook Islands National Sports Awards.

- 3.2.1. Nominations for **Sports Team of the Year** will be accepted from Team Sports **ONLY**. (*i.e.: a team of individual athletes cannot combine their individual results as a team.*)
- 3.2.2. Achievements for this category **MUST** have been done in the year of the nominated Sports Awards. (*i.e.: 2017 National Sports Awards, achievements achieved from the 1st January to the 31st December 2017*)
- 3.2.3. Achievements of Team can either be achieved Nationally, Regionally or Internationally. Merit achieved nationally should be recognised as equaling the Regional and International achievements. (*i.e.: medal winner regionally, like the SPG, Oceania Champ, etc. should be merited equal to that of winning a medal nationally, like at the Cook Islands Games and National Championships. Those achievements must show some development improvement to the sport.*)
- 3.2.4. Nomination for **Sports Achievement of the Year** can either be for an individual or team.
- 3.2.5. Individuals or teams that have made an achievement which would merit the award, that individual or team should be recognised, even if they have won in another category.
- 3.2.6. Achievements achieved throughout the year of the nominated Sports Awards, either that achieved nationally, regionally or internationally will be recognised on equal bases. Also achievements of development and promotion will be considered on the effect it has on the sport or individual throughout that year.
- 3.2.7. **Fair Play Award** - *“In the true spirit of sportsmanship”*
Fair Play demonstrates attitudes and behaviours in sports consistent with the belief that sport is an ethical pursuit. It does not include acts of violence, cheating, drug abuse or any form of exploitation in an effort to win. When elements such as these are introduced, the true competitive spirit is lost, and there remains no purpose for sport.

Fair Play does not only mean adherence to written rules, rather it describes the right attitudes of sportsman and sportswomen and the right spirit in which they conduct themselves, showing respect for the other and care for his or her freedom from bodily or psychological harm. Fairness is trying to put oneself in the place of the other and acting accordingly. Fair Play is first of all a matter of personal commitment of the individual.

3.2.8. **IOC Personality Awards**

Nominations for this category will be received and the Judges may recommend their preference of choice based on the information received to the Executive Board of CISNOC, and the Board will consider those recommendations when finalising the awardee of the IOC Personality Award.

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The individual or federation / association also has to have shown they have promoted the Olympic Values throughout the year of the sports awards. This can be done by the promotion of their sports through increase of membership, competition or participation regionally.

3.2.9. Women in Sports Award

3.2.9.1. The nominee for this award must have shown feelings of respect, motivation and celebration of sports throughout the year or her career.

3.2.9.2. Nominees must strive to promote women’s participation in sports activities in all natures of sports, whether competition or social sports, or just sports for all.

3.2.9.3. Nominees would have had to have some major impact on the structure and conditions of sports throughout the Cook Islands

3.2.9.4. Nominations for this category will be received and passed onto the Women in Sports Commission for selection.

3.3. Section C

The following Section is set around our Top Sports Administrators and Outer Islands Sports Association. Points, Criteria and Guidelines are to enable the selection of the best nominated Technical Official, Sports Administrator and Coach who qualify under the Criteria & Guidelines for the Cook Islands National Sports Awards.

3.3.1. Sports Technical Official of the Year / Sports Administrator of the Year / Sports Coach of the Year

3.3.1.1. Must be recognised for his / her Management, Competition Organisation, Team Preparation and achievements throughout the year of the Sports Awards.

3.3.1.2. Nomination can be for individual or Team Officials, Administrators and Coaches that have achieved the success and recognition by the National Federation or Island Sports Association which they are affiliated with.

3.3.1.3. Achievements of the nominees for the above mentioned awards, recognition will be taken into account of their progression, preparation and training to the level and status which they have achieved during the year of the Sports Awards.

3.3.1.4. Individuals nominated in the above categories, may also be nominated in other categories of the National Sports Awards, at no time may they nominations affect they achievements in the above mentioned awards.

3.3.1.5. National, Regional and International status and achievements will be recognised as equal.

3.3.2. Best Administrated Outer Island Sports Association

3.3.2.1. Must be recognised for their management, competition organisation, team preparation, reporting, maintaining a regular communication channel with CISNOC and achievements throughout the year of the Sports Awards.

3.3.3. Best Outer Island Sports Achievement Award

3.3.3.1. Nomination can be individual, Technical Officials, Administrators, Sports Teams (NF’s or Clubs), and Coaches that have achieved the success and recognition whereby promoting the statist of their Team, Club, Sport or Community on the Island, within the year of the Sports Awards.

3.4. Section D

3.4.1. Manea Games Sportsman & Sportswoman of the Year

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- 3.4.1.1. Nomination for Manea Games Sportsman or Sportswoman of the Year MUST comply with the Criteria & Guidelines approved by the Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee.
- 3.4.1.2. Those male and female individuals nominated MUST have achieved their performances within the year which the National Sports Awards are nominated as. (*i.e.: 2017 National Sports Awards, so therefore the individual performances must have been achieved within that year, 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2017*)
- 3.4.1.3. Achievements of nominated individuals must have been achieved at the Manea Games held that year. Only those athletes who reside on the Island and who competed at the Games for that island can be nominated. We will not accept any athletes who do not reside on the island.

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